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REMARKS

Status of Claims

Claims 1-11 were pending in the Application. Applicants have canceled claim 11 without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1-10 stand allowed. Applicants respectfully request entry of the above amendments and consideration of the enclosed remarks. Applicants submit that no new matter is added. The Amendments are submitted solely to place the present application in condition for allowance or in better condition for appeal.

Objections to the Drawings

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to FIG. 7a for informalities and Applicants present herewith a replacement sheet 10/13 including the suggested change. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the objection.

Rejections under 35 USC § 112

On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner has rejected claim 1-11 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite.

In order to expedite prosecution, Applicants have canceled claims 11. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claim 11.

Allowable Subject Matter

On page 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner allowed claims 1-10 and Applicants respectfully note that only such portion of the Call reference supported by the provisional application is prior art.

Accordingly, Applicants submit that the invention as presently claimed in claims 1-10 is patentable over the cited references and in condition for allowance.

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5. Conclusion Of Remarks

For at least the reasons stated above, it is respectfully submitted that the claims of this application are in condition for allowance and early and favorable action thereon is requested.

If the Examiner believes that additional issues may be resolved by a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned attorney for Applicant at (203) 924-3180.

6. Authorization

No fee is believed due with this Amendment. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for the response or credit any overpayment to the Pitney Bowes, Inc. Deposit Account Number 16-1885, Order No. F-423.

In the event that an extension of time or additional extension of time is required to make this response timely filed, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to the Pitney Bowes, Inc. Deposit Account Number 16-1885, Order No. F-423.

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